

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An improved valve handle that has a proximal end attached to the valve and operable to actuate the valve, and a distal end that defines an opening therein. The opening is adapted to receive a handle extension. The handle extension is a standard ratchet handle having a drive plug that is received in the opening. The ratchet drive of the handle extension is set in the proper position and the handle is placed in a desired orientation relative to the handle and taking into account the space available for the extension. The extension may be removed from the handle or may be stored in place by aligning the handle extension with the length of the handle.